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This Space Bought and Paid For. INSULT AND INTIMIDATION.

The time for argument has passed. The issues are made up, and on Thursday, the local option question will be submitted to the arbitrament of the ballot. In the series of articles which have appeared in this paper—in which the aim has been at all times, to conform to the standards of good taste and propriety—the reasons why it would be unwise for the people of this city to make any change in the existing laws, regulating the sale of liquor, have been fairly, truthfully and dispassionately set out. The truth of the statements, facts and figures, contained in them stand unchallenged and undenied. No advocate of local option has, as yet, shown where or in what way, the adoption of such a law will be of benefit to the City of Paris. It has been proven conclusively that conditions, both moral and material, are better here than in any city where such a law is in effect. Under such circumstances, the intelligent voters of this place can safely be trusted to rightfully determine the question.

It can truthfully be said that the campaign, so far, has been singularly free from the bitterness and intolerance which usually manifests itself on such occasions. The worst that can be said, is that the advocates of local option have been extremely unfortunate in their choice of speakers, and in the methods adopted by some of their leaders. For this, of course, the earnest and sincere people who favor the law are not to blame. It should always be borne in mind that vituperation is not argument, and further, that in the settlement of so-called moral questions, politics has no place. It might be well, at the close of the campaign, to refer to some of the mistakes that have been made.

A few Sundays ago, the distinguished lady speaker, Mrs. Lake, saw fit to make numerous charges against the members of the City Administration, which were without foundation, either in truth or in fact, and to refer to these same members as COWARDLY, TIME-SERVING politicians. One of the colored speakers has also taken occasion to refer to these same gentlemen—several of whom have been elected by the people of Paris five consecutive times—as "WHISKY-RIDDEN POLITICIANS." Dignified, wasn't it? However, as on the same Sunday, the Reverend Carey Morgan, in his address at the Christian church, paid to Mayor O'Brien the highest tribute ever paid to a public official in the City of Paris, by a minister of the gospel, and on the following Tuesday night, the Honorable C. M. Thomas, in his speech at the court house, not only commended the Mayor but indorsed the entire City Administration, and its conduct of public affairs, these "WHISKY-RIDDEN POLITICIANS" can afford to let such statements go unnoticed.

On the night that Mayor Wood, of Richmond, spoke here, a visiting speaker from a neighboring town took occasion to pay his respects to "THE BULL-NECKED IRISH AND CUSH-FOOTED DUTCH who oppose local option. It is hard to believe that in an enlightened community, in this, the dawn of the twentieth century, a minister of the gospel so far forgot himself as to use such words in the pulpit. And that, too, in the land of liberty and the home of the oppressed."

On last Thursday night, at the opera house, the distinguished temperance advocate, M. J. Fanning, made the statement that there were six "blind tigers" running on Main street, and said further that if the Mayor would apply to him, he would give the names of the proprietors and the location of the places. Upon the Mayor applying for the information—which, as an official, he was bound to do—he was informed by Mr. Fanning, that the "BLIND TIGERS" WERE CONDUCTED BY FOUR OF THE MOST PROMINENT AND HIGHLY-RESPECTED BUSINESS MEN IN PARIS, DR. CLARKE, DR. BROOKS, GEORGE VARDEN AND JOSEPH WILSON. On Friday night, the speaker devoted half of his

time to a retraction of his charges. It is past understanding how any man could make such a serious charge against persons in good standing, without first making the necessary investigation to determine whether or not such charges were true. It would seem, however, that the reputation of no man, whether he be an official or a private citizen, is safe against the attacks of these peripatetic, professional reformers.

At the opera house, a few nights ago, the colored speaker divided the white people into two classes—the first-class man and the second-class man—and the colored people into two classes—negroes and niggers. He then said that the first class white man and the negroes would vote for local option, while THE SECOND CLASS WHITE MEN AND THE NIGGERS WOULD VOTE AGAINST IT. When it is remembered that the great majority of the business and professional men of Paris are opposed to local option, and also the great majority of the intelligent colored voters as well, the absurdity of the classification is apparent. Such statements are an insult to the intelligence of every member of this community, whether white or colored.

And then must be mentioned the distinguished orator who drew tears from the eyes of his hearers by the thrilling and pathetic recital of the horrible death of his son in a railroad wreck, caused by the engineer taking a pint of whisky with him on his run. What a striking story it would be if the wreck had only happened or his boy been killed! Fortunately, however, neither ever happened. And how his hearers congratulated themselves upon not having been killed in a wreck, when they heard of all the TROUBLE THE RAILROAD HAD WITH ITS DRUNKEN ENGINEERS AND THE DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED IN KEEPING THEM OFF OF THEIR ENGINES while in that condition. It is said that many who heard him will never trust themselves upon a train again. Engineers as a rule, however, are the most temperate of men and will hardly relish being used "to point a moral or adorn a tale."

It is hard to understand why, in a campaign of this sort, it should have seemed necessary to any person to bring into it, in any way, the Mayor, the County Judge, the City or County Administration. Yet all of them have been brought into it from the very beginning. The argument has been used to the majority of the colored voters and to many of the white ones, that they should vote for local option because, if it was adopted, it would be "THE MEANS OF PUTTING OUT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION AND THE WHOLE COURT HOUSE GANG," and these same people have been assured that if they would vote for local option now, the men using these arguments would join in a movement to DEFEAT THESE TWO OFFICIALS. The unfairness of such an argument is shown by the fact that it is well known that Judge Dundon expects to vote for local option. It would seem that some of the advocates of local option are not even fair with those on their own side. Both have occupied official positions since January, 1898. At every election since their time their qualifications have been passed upon—Mr. O'Brien's, five times by the people of Paris, and Judge Dundon's, three times by the people of Bourbon county—and they have always been re-elected. Both are conceded to be good officials, and the SAME GENTLEMEN WHO PUBLICLY COMMENDED THE MAYOR WOULD HAVE BEEN EQUALLY AS READY TO INDORSE THE COUNTY JUDGE in as high or possibly higher terms,

had they known that such a malicious attack was being made upon him. Such unscrupulous methods deserve and should receive the condemnation of all honest men.

A fitting finale to the campaign was the action of the local option leaders in swearing out numerous warrants charging illegal registration, and issuing notices promiscuously, citing well-known citizens to appear before the County Judge and show cause why their names should not be stricken from the registration books. Six warrants were issued Friday charging this offense, and on Saturday morning, the persons swearing them out appeared at the court house and asked to have three of them dismissed, saying that UPON INVESTIGATION THEY FOUND THE ACCUSED TO BE LEGAL VOTERS. One was dismissed upon the hearing of his case, not even being required to introduce proof in his own behalf. THESE COLORED MEN WERE KEPT IN JAIL ALL NIGHT. A FINE STATE OF AFFAIRS, WHEN INNOCENT AND LAW ABIDING COLORED CITIZENS CAN BE PLACED IN JAIL, AT THE WHIM OF ADVOCATES OF LOCAL OPTION. These men will seek redress in court as soon as the election is over. Notices by the hundred were issued on Friday evening, the last day, citing people to appear Wednesday before the County Judge. As an evidence of the bad faith of those who issued them, it is only necessary to say that THEY OBJECTED TO THE SHERIFF MAKING ANY EFFORT TO LEARN THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE PERSONS WANTED. On the contrary, the opponents of local option worked until midnight, assisting the Sheriff to find the persons wanted, so that the cases could be heard by the Court and fairly determined. THE ATTEMPT TO INTIMIDATE THE COLORED VOTERS is so apparent as to arouse indignation among both whites and blacks. The local option cause must, indeed, be in sore straits when its leaders find it necessary to resort to SUCH CONTEMPTIBLE METHODS.

It is sad, indeed, that the advocates of local option who have for its alleged object the regeneration of mankind, should find it necessary to make statements and use methods that would make practical politicians blush with shame. Not only have PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PRIVATE CITIZENS BEEN VILIFIED, MALIGNED AND SLANDERED, but practically ALL OF THE LOCAL OPTION SPEAKERS HAVE GONE OUT OF THEIR WAY TO OFFER A GRATUITOUS INSULT TO SOME CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY. Such methods never have and never will appeal to either the intelligence or the conscience of the American people. All fair-minded men unite in their condemnation.

On Thursday, every voter in the City of Paris who has any regard for the proprieties and amenities of life—every man who desires to maintain the present satisfactory condition of affairs now existing here—every man who is opposed to a law which creates "blind tigers"—every friend of the County Judge and the County Administration—every friend of the City officials—every friend of the four druggists who have been so foully and maliciously slandered—every self-respecting Irish and German citizen who has been so grossly insulted—every colored voter who objects to the imprisonment and intimidation of the people of his race—every self-respecting railroad employee who has been held up to ridicule and contempt—should unite in setting the seal of their disapproval upon such methods. This can be done by voting "NO" upon the question to be submitted on the ballot.

"Shall the sale, barter or loan of spirituous, vinous, malt or other intoxicating liquors be prohibited within the corporate limits of the city of Paris, Ky., the law and prohibition to apply to druggists also?"

Sample Ballot.

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Hark, Ye Fans!

The real opening of the baseball season will take place this week. The first scheduled games of the big leagues will be played on Thursday. The opening games in the National League will be played in New York, Boston, Cincinnati and Chicago. The American League will open the season with games at Philadelphia, Washington, St. Louis and Detroit.

BIRTHS.

—Born—To the wife of Dr. F. L. Lapsley, Thursday morning—a daughter.

RELIGIOUS.

—A protracted meeting will begin at the Christian church on Sunday, April 14th. Elder Morgan will be assisted by Elder I. J. Spencer, of Lexington.

—Sunday was Missionary Day at the Baptist church. The Baptists united with the Methodists at the latter's church at the night services, to hear Prof. H. K. Taylor.

—The subject at the Methodist church Sunday morning was "Pure Religion and Undeveloped Before God." In the evening Prof. H. K. Taylor addressed the union congregation.